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Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention is directed to a lottery terminal capable of canceling a uniquely numbered lottery ticket having a control number and an area with thermally reactive coating material disposed thereon. The lottery terminal includes a microprocessor for controlling the operation of the device, an imager for imaging the lottery ticket, memory for storing data pertinent to the lottery ticket, and an automated lottery ticket cancellation device including a receiver for receiving the lottery ticket therein and a thermal head for generating heat. The thermal head of the device permanently marks the lottery ticket at the area when positioned adjacent the thermal head prior to the imaging the lottery ticket. A process for canceling a uniquely numbered ticket is further described.

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